

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously canceled)

2. (Canceled) ~~The method of Claim 4, wherein said water-insoluble carrier is a water-insoluble porous carrier.~~

3. (Twice Amended) The method of Claim 4, wherein said ~~water-insoluble~~ porous cellulose carrier has an exclusion limit for globular protein of 5,000 to 600,000.

4. (Twice Amended) A method for removing a transforming growth factor- $\beta$  from a body fluid, which comprises bringing a body fluid into contact with an adsorbent comprising (i) a ~~water-insoluble~~ porous cellulose carrier, and (ii) a compound immobilized on said carrier and having a log P value of at least 2.50 wherein P is a partition coefficient in an octanol-water system, said body fluid being a member selected from the group consisting of plasma, serum, ascites, lymph and synovia.

5. (Previously canceled)